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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Applications of	)	MM DOCKET NO. 97-128
	)	
Martin W. Hoffman,	)	
Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for Astroline	)	File No. BRCT-881201LG
Communications Company Limited	)	
Partnership	)	
	)	
For Renewal of License of	)	
Station WHCT-TV, Hartford, Connecticut	)	
	)	
SHURBERG BROADCASTING OF HARTFORD	)	File No. BPCT-831202KF
	)	
For Construction Permit for a New	)	
Television Station to Operate on	)	
Channel 18, Hartford, Connecticut	)	
	)	
TO: The Honorable John M. Frysiak		
Administrative Law Judge		

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FOURTH MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL DATES

1. Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford ("SBH") hereby requests (with the consent of all other parties) a 90-day extension of all procedural dates herein.

2. In February, 1998, SBH sought an extension of procedural dates herein based on settlement discussions that had theretofore been underway. As indicated in SBH's February motion, those discussions had resulted in a preliminary tentative alignment of the interests of SBH, Two If By Sea Broadcasting Corporation ("TIBS"), and Martin Hoffman relative to a general proposal advanced to those parties by a prospective "white knight" interested in acquiring Station WHCT-TV; unfortunately, those discussions were unavailing as the "white knight" ultimately unilaterally withdrew from the negotiations despite the willingness of the parties to settle on terms which, as far

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as the parties were aware, were completely consistent with the "white knight's" negotiation position.

3. Despite that unforeseen turn of events, counsel for SBH, TIBS and Mr. Hoffman have continued to pursue some mutually agreeable resolution of this proceeding. Conversations as recent as last week have indicated that one or more "white knights" (not including the "white knight" who withdrew in February) have expressed a sincere willingness to enter into one or more agreements which, if approved by the Commission, could fully resolve this proceeding. SBH believes that, in the interest of conserving the time and resources of the parties, it would be appropriate to extend the procedural dates herein in order to permit the parties to focus their attention on settlement efforts.<sup>1/</sup> In view of these developments, SBH hereby requests that all procedural dates in this proceeding be extended ninety (90) days.

4. Counsel for Mr. Hoffman and TIBS have both consented to the requested extension. Counsel for Mr. Ramirez and the Mass

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<sup>1/</sup> SBH indicated in its previous request for extension of procedural dates that SBH intended to continue to pursue some limited discovery. SBH did contact counsel for Mr. Hoffman (who shares the burden of proceeding herein) to commence the process of entering into stipulations relative to various matters. However, because of considerations arising as a result of that counsel's change in law firms, Mr. Hoffman's counsel was unable to participate in that process pending resolution of, e.g., potential disqualification of certain persons in the new law firm, as evidenced by the "Notice of Change of Address; Disqualified Attorneys" filed on May 7, 1998 by Mr. Hoffman's counsel. SBH is reviewing that pleading to determine whether the disqualification matter has been satisfactorily resolved and, if it has, SBH intends to re-contact Mr. Hoffman's counsel in order to re-commence the stipulation process.

Media Bureau have both been notified by voice-mail that this request is being filed; the matter is therefore under advisement by them. While undersigned counsel has no reason to believe that either Mr. Ramirez or the Bureau would oppose this request, undersigned counsel cannot presently advise the Court that either has formally consented hereto.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated, Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford hereby requests that all procedural dates in the above-captioned proceeding be extended for ninety (90) days.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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May 11, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 11th day of May, 1998, I caused copies of the foregoing "Fourth Motion for Further Extension of Procedural Dates" to be placed in the U.S. Postal Service, first class postage prepaid, or hand delivered (as indicated below), addressed to the following:

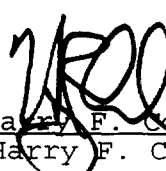
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